

LESSON

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PRACTICE WORKSHEET A

Imagery

COPYMASTER

Directions: Read this poem by Virginia Hamilton. Write one sight, one touch, and one smell from the poem. Then answer the questions about the imagery.

Under the Back Porch

Our house is two stories high
shaped like a white box.
There is a yard stretched around it
and in the back
5 a wooden porch.

Under the back porch is my place.
I rest there.
I go there when I have to be alone.
It is always shaded and damp.
10 Sunlight only slants through the slats
in long strips of light,
and the smell of the damp
is moist green,
like the moss that grows here.

15 My sisters and brothers
can stand on the back porch
and never know
I am here
underneath.
20 It is my place.
All mine.

—Virginia Hamilton

Sense Affected	Words and Phrases That Appeal to the Sense
1. Seeing / Sight	
2. Touch / Motion	
3. Smell / Scents	
4. Meaning: Is the speaker's place under the porch the same or different from other places in the house? Explain why you think so.	